

## ***Panzer dining named best in Europe, to compete at Army level***

**STUTTGART, Germany** – The Panzer Dining Facility here has been selected as one of the Army’s best dining operations in Europe.

The Panzer DFAC was awarded the Installation Management Command-Europe Region’s 2007 Phillip A. Connelly award in the small-garrison category – and will represent IMCOM-Europe in the Army-wide competition later this year.

At the Panzer DFAC, the kitchen staff is comprised of staff from both the 1/10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the 554th Military Police Company, with both units assigned to Panzer Kaserne.

“It’s been a real team effort,” said Frank Mottin, USAG Stuttgart food program manager. “Everybody here has been cross-trained in all areas. We make sure everyone can do the same job.”

Since 1968, the Connelly program has recognized the Army’s outstanding dining facilities. Categories include small and large garrisons, field kitchens, National Guard and Reserves.

An inspection team made up of IMCOM-Europe-level food program managers visited the Panzer DFAC in May.

During their comprehensive evaluation, they graded the facility on numerous categories such as training and supervision, dining facility administration, food service sanitation, safety, appearance and attitude of food service personnel.

Other IMCOM-Europe DFACs honored were Camp Normandy/Noncommissioned Officer Academy Dining Facility, Grafenwoehr, Germany, first place, large garrison; 208th Finance Battalion Dining Facility, Spinelli Barracks, Mannheim, Germany, runner-up, large garrison; Pioneer Kaserne Dining Facility, Hanau, Germany, runner-up, small category.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the culinary awards program. It is sponsored by the International Food Service Executives Associations and the Army’s Center of Excellence, Subsistence.



Spc. Reece Zunino, a cook at the Panzer Dining Facility, prepares rotisserie chicken.

*For more information on the Connelly program, visit [www.quartermaster.army.mil](http://www.quartermaster.army.mil)*

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